

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 422**  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 1651**

**By Representatives Armstrong, Sherry Jones**

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1786

By Senators Herron, Berke, Marrero

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 3, relative to podiatrists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-3-103(b), is amended by deleting the language "three (3)" in the second sentence and by substituting instead the language "four (4)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-3-103(b), is further amended by deleting the third sentence in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-3-104(c), is amended by deleting the words and number "fifty dollars (\$50.00)" in the first sentence and by substituting instead the words and number "one hundred dollars (\$100)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-3-109(a) and (b), is amended by deleting the words "or preceptorship" wherever they appear.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-3-109(c)(3), is amended by adding the words "or accepted" after the word "conducted".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-3-109(c), is amended by deleting the language of subdivision (4) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(4) Successfully complete at least a one-year residency program approved by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education or its successor organization.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-3-109, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (d):

(d) The board shall have the authority to issue locum tenens licenses to podiatrists licensed in another state who wish to practice podiatry in Tennessee for a limited period of time and who meet all the requirements established by the board by rule for a locum tenens license.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-3-110, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

No person shall be entitled to take any examination for a license unless that person furnishes the board with satisfactory proof that the person is at least eighteen (18) years of age, is of good moral character, and has graduated from a college of podiatric medicine which is accredited by the Council on Podiatric Medical Education or its successor organization.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-3-111(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(2) The board may accept the report of the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners on any examinee.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-3-119(a)(16), is amended by deleting the language "board of registration in podiatry" and by substituting instead the language "board of podiatric medical examiners".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-3-101(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(c) A licensed podiatrist may perform ankle surgery only in an accredited hospital or ambulatory surgical treatment center licensed under Title 68 at which the podiatrist has surgical privileges to perform ankle surgery. For purposes of this subsection, an accredited hospital is one that is accredited by Joint Commission or the American Osteopathic Association, and an accredited ambulatory surgical treatment center is one that is accredited by Joint Commission, Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, or American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgical Facilities. A podiatrist who performs ankle surgery in an ambulatory surgical treatment center must first have surgical privileges to perform ankle surgery at a local hospital. A licensed podiatrist who performs ankle surgery must meet the same standard of care applicable to orthopedic surgeons who perform ankle surgery.

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-3-103, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(c) Upon the expiration of the term of a member, the governor shall appoint the member's successor for a term of four (4) years.

SECTION 13. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: June 2, 2009**

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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 11th day of June 2009**

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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR